

# SPOTLIGHT

## DOGS



“Pee line,” demarcating distribution of mosses and lichens on a tree trunk on 24th Street.

A field mark characteristic of Center City’s trees is the “pee line,” produced by dogs. In this photo the moss *Orthothrichum pumilum* and the bright yellow lichen *Cantharidium concolor* grow above but not below this line. Pee lines are most conspicuous after rain in winter, when tree mosses and lichens brighten.